

PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Minutes of January 10, 2002

Present: Jeff Stewart, member
Gary Hauff, member
Larry Jose, member
Stuart Alderman, staff
Carol Anderson, staff

Orestes Kaltsounis, member
Kathleen Fejes, member
Lucy Lu, student representative
Jeff Biegler, staff

Absent: Robert O'Brien, John Goetz, Tom Krent, Doug Bordas

Chairman Jeff Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

A motion by Orestes Kaltsounis, supported by Kathleen Fejes, that the minutes from November 8, 2001 be approved as submitted.

Ayes: All Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

New Business

- A. Park Board Ordinance – It was previously discussed that the Park Board Ordinance be changed to nine members. City Council has decided to keep the Ordinance as it is currently written. Another representative may be appointed in the future.
- Meeting Absences – According to City Code, if a person that is named to a board or commission misses 25% or 5 consecutive meetings, unless those absences are excused by the board, they can be removed.
- B. Street Tree Replacement Policy – Annual tree planting takes place in the fall. Approximately 500 trees are planted per year. Previously, the policy was to replace a dead tree only if requested by the homeowner. Staff is requesting that the policy be changed to replace all dead trees unless the homeowner requests not to have it replaced.

A motion by Larry Jose, supported by Kathleen Fejes, that the Tree Replacement Policy be recommended for approval by City Council.

Ayes: All Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Community Center Update – More than 70 Community Center passes were sold the first day. Our goal is to sell 5,000 to 6,000. It is scheduled to open in March.
- B. Section 1 Golf Course – The developer has done some surveying and engineering work and is still working on bonding. The bonding is more difficult to obtain for this project because the golf course will be developed on a land fill.

- C. Park Name Submissions – Two additional requests were made for Park names. A recommendation for the name of new Parks will be made when we have acquired all the land for Parks.
- D. Skatepark Update – City Council will include the skatepark in the Civic Center site plan but have not committed to a location.
- E. Nature Center Update – Construction continues and the target date for opening is the end of January or early February.

Staff Reports

- A. Directors Report – Section 36 property on Milverton is currently being surveyed to identify the property lines.

Jeff Stewart will be attending the MRPA Conference that will be held in Traverse City from February 9 through the 13th.

- B. Recreation Report – The positions of Aquatics Coordinator and Gym Fitness Coordinator has been closed. We will begin interviewing for these positions soon.

The Spring bulletin is being prepared for mailing in February.

The ski program is running.

A letter to the middle and high school principals has been sent to request a list of names for a Teen Advisory Board. We want input from teens as to what they want in the parks, programs and in the teen room of the Community Center.

- C. Parks Report – Tree pruning is done in sections 2 through 17. Before spring they will have pruned more than 3,000 trees.

The holiday decoration banners are down and the “Welcome To Troy” banners are up on Big Beaver Road.

City Council awarded Firestation #1 the best decorated firehouse.

A motion by Kathleen Fejes, supported by Larry Jose, that absent members be excused.

Ayes: All Nays: None
MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Peltier